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Re:	Patent Application of :	Martin STEINWENDER
Serial No	:	10/061,963
Filing Date	:	February 2, 2002
Title	:	JOINT BETWEEN JOINT FACES OF TWO COMPONENTS (As Amended)

Attached please find the following:

1) Response to the Restriction Requirement  
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated January 13, 2003, Applicant hereby elects to prosecute claims 1-23 and 24, drawn to a joint between two components and such component, respectively.

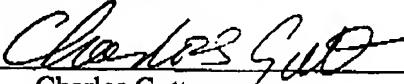
Additionally, Applicant requests that the title be amended to reflect the subject matter of the elected claims to read as follows:

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--Joint Between Joint Faces of Two Components--

Respectfully submitted,  
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